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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. AUS920010963US1
CAROL IVASH GABELE ET AL.	§	
Serial No.: 09/997,845	§	Examiner: KIBROM GEBRESILASSIE
Filed: 11/30/2001	§	
For: ANNEALING HARVEST EVENT	§	Art Unit: 2128
TESTCASE COLLECTION	§	
WITHIN A BATCH SIMULATION	§	
FARM	§	

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Applicants in the above-entitled U.S. Patent Application respectfully request an interview with the Examiner at the Examiner's earliest convenience to discuss this case.

Agenda:

Applicants request a discussion of the following issues relating to the non-final Office Action dated 01/12/2006:

- (1) Regarding the grounds for rejecting claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), whether U.S. Pat. No. 6,560,721, issued to Boardman et al., discloses a step of comparing testcase identifiers included in a testcase list with testcase identifiers included in a harvest hit table that associates testcases with the identities of triggered harvest events;
- (2) Whether some or more of the features included in the attached proposed amendment to claim 1 may overcome the present grounds of rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] In a batch simulation farm environment that facilitates computer-aided simulation of hardware design, a method for resolving testcase collection inconsistencies between a testcase list and a harvest hit table, wherein said testcase list identifies comprises a cumulative list of testcases that have triggered harvest events during simulation of a simulation model, and said harvest hit table includes harvest event entries that associate harvest event identifiers with corresponding testcase identifiers, said method comprising:~~

~~executing a testcase on the simulation model;~~

~~identifying harvest events triggered during said testcase execution;~~

~~comparing said identified harvest events with the harvest event entries within said harvest hit table to determine whether previous occurrences of the identified harvest events have been recorded in association with the simulation model;~~

~~responsive to determining that previous occurrences of said identified harvest events have not been recorded in association with said simulation model:~~

~~recording said testcase within said testcase list; and~~

~~updating recording said testcase within said harvest hit table from a simulation client to include harvest event entries that associate harvest events triggered by testcases with testcase identifiers that identify the corresponding triggering testcases;~~

~~collecting testcase identifiers that identify one or more of said testcases within said testcase list; and~~

~~comparing testcases identified within said testcase list to testcases identified within said harvest hit table to determine inconsistencies therebetween.~~